

that we tax this tax and spend this money are really the people who saw it as the albatross, the Trojan Horse, that could be used to sink 662. It didn't work because no one in this body was going to be deterred on the basis of that language from pursuing the goal of tax equity. Now that that goal has been agreed upon by a majority, it seems to me reasonable to go back in and to say, listen, we're going to find a way to make that work, we're going to do it in a special session, we're going to be open to options, we're going to be doing a study. And you know when we wind up using state aid, we will be using it in a new context, not like the one we have today, but in a different educational climate with districts in different circumstances than they are today. It is reasonable to me I think to strike this language today, bring it in in a special session and I pledge to vote for state aid at that point. I'll vote for a cent sales tax for \$90 million. I'll be happy to do so at an appropriate time, but the righteousness of the opponents to this amendment really is ground on that day in which the opponents of 662 were very wise in trying to get ingested into the body of 662 the palliative of the state aid formula.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: And that language and that amendment was adopted, not by the proponents of 662, but by the opponents.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: I just want to make sure that the albatross is tied securely about the neck, I suppose, but I guess if I were in the same situation, maybe I'd do the same thing, I don't know, but now that that fight is over I would think we'd try to clear our decks and put ourself in the best possible situation for making the best policy judgments in the special session and that means going in clean with respect to financing.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp is next, but may I introduce a couple of groups in the north balcony, please. One is the guests of Senator Rod Johnson. There are 33 students from Marquette Elementary School in Marquette, Nebraska, and their teacher. Would you folks please stand. We also have guests of Senator Withem and they are also in the north balcony, 45 tenth and eleventh grade students from Bryan